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In re Application of:

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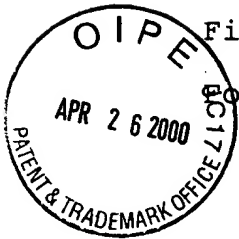
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited references are discussed at pages 20-25 of the specification, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of that art.

It should be noted that one of the cited references, U.S. Patent No. 4,608,577, is a counterpart to another one of the cited references, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Appln. No. 60-71260.



It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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